

REMARKS

The NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT mailed June 19, 2006, (“Notice”) has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Notice states that the document Applicants filed 6/8/06 is noncompliant and further states that Amendments to the Drawings are noncompliant and that, “need to say Replacement or Annotated dwgs.” Applicants respectfully disagree.

On June 8, 2006 applicants did not amend the drawings in the application. Rather, the Applicants submitted a new declaration which had attached drawings. Accordingly it would not be appropriate to indicate “Replacement” or “Annotated” on any of the drawings. However, if the Examiner remains of the belief that any of the drawings should be labeled “Replacement” or “Annotated”, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to specify which drawings those labels should be placed on.

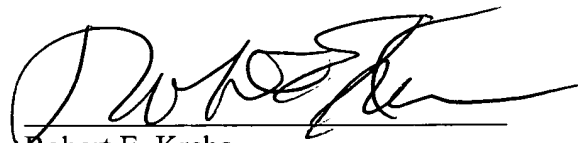
Summary

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert E. Krebs', written over a horizontal line.

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